

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Masters Scholarship

Academic year commencing in 2024 and beyond

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Birmingham Masters Scholarship, you must be:

1. Undertaking a Masters course in an eligible subject;
2. Domiciled in the UK and classified as a Home student for tuition fee payment;
3. Not already registered on a postgraduate programme;
4. Self-funding or applying for a Postgraduate Government Loan to pay your fees.
 - a. You can be in receipt of other University-owned or external financial support unless specified in the terms and conditions of the respective financial support;
 - b. It is your responsibility to understand the terms and conditions of any additional financial support as to whether you can hold the Birmingham Masters Scholarship in conjunction with the respective financial support. For example, the AI and Data Science cannot be held in conjunction with any other financial support except for the UK governmental loan and therefore the Birmingham Masters Scholarship cannot be held in conjunction.

If your application is successful, all offers are based upon the terms and conditions of the scholarship and further eligibility checks will be undertaken. All offers are made upon the assumption that any and all information you submit is truthful and accurate; the scholarship can and will be revoked if you are found to be in violation of the scholarship's terms and conditions at any point.

Awarding will prioritise students who have graduated from one of the below universities based in the Midlands; however, this is not a requirement for an application.

Eligible universities in the Midlands catchment

The list below shows the universities and university colleges considered 'Midlands' for the purposes of the Scholarship application:

- University of Birmingham, Birmingham
- Coventry University, Coventry
- University of Warwick, Coventry
- University of Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton
- Aston University, Birmingham
- Keele University, Keele
- University of Worcester, Worcester
- University of Nottingham, Nottingham
- Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent
- Newman University College, Birmingham
- University College Birmingham, Birmingham
- Loughborough University, Loughborough
- University of Leicester, Leicester
- Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham
- De Montfort University, Leicester
- University of Derby, Derby
- Harper Adams University College, Newport

Eligible Courses for the Birmingham Masters Scholarship

The Birmingham Masters Scholarship can only be held by students that are enrolled onto an eligible postgraduate taught Masters degree at the University of Birmingham.

Eligible courses include the following, delivered at our Edgbaston Campus, Stratford-upon-Avon, partnered institutions or by distance learning:

- LLM
- MA (Taught)
- MSc (Pre-reg)
- MSc (Taught)
- MPH
- MEd

As the scholarship is only applicable to postgraduate taught Masters degrees, ineligible courses include:

- MA/MSc by Research
- MRes (combined taught and research)
- Integrated Masters degrees (such as MSci/MEng)
- Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDip)
- Postgraduate Certificates (PGCert)

If an awardee of the Birmingham Masters Scholarship transfers to an ineligible course, the Birmingham Masters Scholarship will be revoked and the student will no longer receive the £2,000 tuition fee waiver and will be liable for the payment of this value as well as any outstanding tuition fees.

Payment

The value of the Birmingham Masters Scholarship is £2,000. This will be paid as a discount on your tuition fee and no part of the award can be made as a cash payment.

If your tuition fees are charged modularly then the £2,000 will be spread evenly across the first and second semesters of your first year of study.

Termination

In any of the circumstances set out below the Birmingham Masters Scholarship will be withdrawn and you will receive no (or no further) payments from the University:

1. If you permanently leave the University due to illness (whether or not following a Leave of Absence under the University's Code of Practice on Leave of Absence procedures);
2. If you leave the University voluntarily for reasons other than illness;
3. If you are required to withdraw from the University due to disciplinary or fitness to practise proceedings;
4. If you fail to complete satisfactorily the requirements of your programme.

The University reserves the right to demand the repayment of any instalment or instalments (or part thereof) of the Birmingham Masters Scholarship paid to you in circumstances 2 or 3 set out above.

Leave of Absence

In the event that you take, or are required to take, a Leave of Absence during the academic year any Birmingham Masters Scholarship payments still due will be suspended until you return from your Leave of Absence and re-register as a normally registered student with the University.

Upon re-registering you will be paid the balance of any instalments due from the academic year when the Leave of Absence was taken.

If you fail to return to the University after a Leave of Absence then the Birmingham Masters Scholarship will be terminated and you will receive no (or no further) payments from the University, as outlined above.